

Ladies and Gentlemen,
With Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election we have a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Because Sinclair uses public airwaves free of charge, it is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies such as this control the airwaves, we get more of what increases their bottom line, and less of what we need for our democracy. We do not need something produced at "News Central" far away in another state. It's more important that we see real people from our own communities, and more news of substance about issues that matter to us locally.

Sinclair's aggressive actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve a whole lot more than just a returned postcard.

Thank you.

Most sincerely,
Brenda Hollweger (a very concerned citizen)